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Dear [name],

Thank you for your recent comments regarding the design of the approved bicycle/pedestrian path on the new eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

The Engineering and Design Advisory Panel (EDAP) to the Bay Bridge Design Task Force recommended that bicycle/pedestrian access be accommodated with a single path on the south side of the eastbound deck, "with a width and height (relative to the deck) adequate to ensure the safety and comfort of path users and protect the views of motorists." Caltrans and MTC staff have concluded that a path 15.5 feet wide and one foot above the roadway deck will satisfy EDAP's criteria for the safety and convenience of both path users and motorists. That staff recommendation was approved by the Task Force as well as the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) in June 1998.

Caltrans and its design team have begun work on the detailed design of the eastern span path and have resumed meeting with an advisory group of bicycle and pedestrian interests to address many of the issues raised in your letter. If you would like to participate in those meetings, you should contact Victoria Eisen of the Association of Bay Area Governments staff — who serves as the advisory group's chair — at 510/464-7960. I would also invite you to attend the next meetings of EDAP and the Bay Bridge Design Task Force, which will take place on **October 9 and October 14**, respectively, at MTC's offices in Oakland.

I appreciate your interest in bicycle/pedestrian access and your continued participation in our decision-making process as we attempt to reconcile the wishes of Bay Area residents with the realities of constrained funding for the new Bay Bridge.

Sincerely,

Mary V. King
Chair
MTC Bay Bridge Design Task Force

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Dear [name],

Thank you for your recent comments regarding the design of the approved bicycle/pedestrian path on the new eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, and your suggestions regarding the proposal for such a path on the west span.

The Engineering and Design Advisory Panel (EDAP) to the Bay Bridge Design Task Force recommended that bicycle/pedestrian access be accommodated with a single path on the south side of the eastbound deck, "with a width and height (relative to the deck) adequate to ensure the safety and comfort of path users and protect the views of motorists." Caltrans and MTC staff have concluded that a path 15.5 feet wide and one foot above the roadway deck will satisfy EDAP's criteria for the safety and convenience of both path users and motorists. That staff recommendation was approved by the Task Force as well as the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) in June 1998.

Regarding your suggestions on the design of the west span of the bridge, while Assembly Bill 2038 did expand the list of allowable uses for revenues generated from a \$1 surcharge on the region's toll bridges, it did not increase the total amount of funding available for Bay Bridge "amenities." In the resolution adopted by BATA in June, the toll surcharge was extended for approximately 15 months to pay for the suspension design and east span bicycle/pedestrian path amenities. That leaves a balance of nine months (which would generate approximately \$90 million) for the two remaining eligible amenities: improvements to the Transbay Transit Terminal and the west span bicycle/pedestrian path.

Although environmental documents and the design for the seismic retrofit of the west span are already complete, and Caltrans has begun the retrofit work, future provision of a bicycle/pedestrian path is not precluded, should enough money be available after other amenities have been paid for. The Bay Bridge Design Task Force will convene another series of public meetings, beginning in October, to review remaining design issues associated with the new eastern span as well as preliminary design questions concerning the west span bicycle/pedestrian path.

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